

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, as follows:**

The present invention claims foreign priority under 35 USC 119 based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-358386, filed December 10, 2002, the contents of which ~~is~~are incorporated herein by reference.

**Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 5, as follows:**

Also, in the related art foam-type ink tank, foreign ~~may~~-materials may enter the ink supplied from the foam. The foreign materials enter the ink and flow into the print head, thereby causing clogging of the printer head.

**Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 3, as follows:**

A filter ~~49~~48 for filtering out foreign materials is attached to an upper end of the tubular frame 44. Accordingly, the filter ~~49~~48 catches foreign materials contained in the ink supplied from the ink reservoir 35 to the ink supplying needle 7(2), thereby preventing the foreign materials from entering the print head 4.

**Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 3, as follows:**

In the above embodiment, a ringing phenomenon in which the partition plate 20 and the movable lid 35 are adhered is prevented by the tubular projection 20c. The tubular projection 20c may be provided on at least one of the partition plate 20 and the movable lid 35.